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NEBRASKA 2002 CORN AND SOYBEAN PRODUCTION LOWER

LINCOLN, Neb., September 12, 2002- Based on September 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2002 **corn** crop is forecast at 904 million bushels, 21 percent below 2001 and the lowest production since 1995, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Acreage to be harvested for grain remained at 7.6 million, down 2 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 119 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from August, 28 bushels below last year's record high and lowest since 1995. The ears to stalk ratio at .93 is the lowest since 1980.

Irrigated corn is forecast to yield 157 bushels per acre, down 16 bushels from last year's record high. The 2002 irrigated acreage for grain harvest represents 62 percent of the total corn acreage planted and accounts for 82 percent of the total corn for grain production forecast. **Dryland corn** yield is forecast at 57 bushels per acre, 53 bushels below last year and the lowest since 1980. Significant dryland acreage is expected to be harvested as silage or abandoned because of the effects of the severe drought.

Soybean production in Nebraska is forecast at 169 million bushels, 24 percent below last year and 2 percent below last month. Acres for harvest, at 4.7 million, were lowered 80,000 from last month but still are second highest on record. Yield is forecast at 36 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but down 9.5 bushels from 2001 and the lowest since 1995. Pods with beans per 18 square feet, at 1,548, is the lowest since 1995.

Sorghum yield is forecast at 50 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from last month but down 34 bushels from last year and lowest since 1974. The production forecast of 15.5 million bushels is lowest since 1956. **Sugar beet** production of 848 thousand tons is up 1 percent from 2001.

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See accompanying supplement for crop district estimates.

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Corn for Grain: Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production by Agricultural Districts, Nebraska, 2001-2002¹

District	Planted Acres ²		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Northwest	370.0	345.0	336.0	295.0	134.8	126.0	45,291.3	37,170.0
North	325.0	340.0	286.0	290.0	139.3	140.0	39,833.9	40,600.0
Northeast	1,490.0	1,530.0	1,425.0	1,425.0	139.6	106.0	198,896.8	151,050.0
Central	1,060.0	1,060.0	1,007.0	950.0	161.0	141.0	162,092.6	133,950.0
East	1,990.0	2,040.0	1,939.0	1,950.0	142.1	110.0	275,510.3	214,490.0
Southwest	940.0	965.0	885.0	790.0	149.3	144.0	132,087.4	113,760.0
South	805.0	860.0	778.0	740.0	167.1	141.0	129,975.7	104,340.0
Southeast	1,120.0	1,260.0	1,094.0	1,160.0	142.2	94.0	155,562.0	109,040.0
Nebraska	8,100.0	8,400.0	7,750.0	7,600.0	147.0	119.0	1,139,250.0	904,400.0

¹ Preliminary district estimates 2002, forecast as of September 1, 2002. ² Acres planted are for all purposes.

Source: USDA NASS

Soybeans: Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production by Agricultural Districts, Nebraska, 2001-2002¹

District	Planted Acres ²		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
North	168.0	150.0	163.0	145.0	44.6	44.0	7,263.0	6,380.0
Northeast	1,236.0	1,250.0	1,226.0	1,220.0	44.8	36.5	54,975.5	44,565.0
Central	327.0	300.0	322.0	275.0	48.6	41.0	15,647.5	11,275.0
East	1,556.0	1,555.0	1,545.0	1,520.0	44.3	35.0	68,456.5	53,200.0
South	478.0	465.0	472.0	440.0	53.6	47.0	25,282.5	20,680.0
Southeast	1,078.0	1,090.0	1,068.0	1,020.0	43.4	29.0	46,375.5	29,580.0
Other Districts	107.0	90.0	104.0	80.0	47.6	44.0	4,949.5	3,520.0
Nebraska	4,950.0	4,900.0	4,900.0	4,700.0	45.5	36.0	222,950.0	169,200.0

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Sorghum for Grain: Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production by Agricultural Districts, Nebraska, 2001-2002¹

District	Planted Acres ²		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Central	37.0	29.0	5.7	5.0	77.7	50.0	443.1	250.0
East	41.0	28.0	39.8	27.0	82.7	62.0	3,293.0	1,674.0
Southwest	95.5	90.0	39.7	42.0	79.0	30.0	3,134.4	1,260.0
South	86.0	73.0	76.7	61.0	82.4	38.0	6,320.8	2,318.0
Southeast	261.5	168.0	257.7	167.0	85.9	57.8	22,135.2	9,659.0
Other Districts	29.0	32.0	5.4	8.0	69.2	42.4	373.5	339.0
Nebraska	550.0	420.0	425.0	310.0	84.0	50.0	35,700.0	15,500.0

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